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**Amendments to the Drawings:**

The attached replacement drawing sheets include changes to Figures 5 and 6. More specifically, the legend —PRIOR ART—has been added to each of these Figures.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets  
Annotated Sheets showing changes

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REMARKS

This Amendment and Response is in response to the Office Action mailed October 19, 2006. Such Action closed prosecution in accordance with Ex Parte Quayle since claims 1-7 were allowed, and only two formal matters remained. Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter.

Specification Objections

In the subject Action, the Examiner objected to the Abstract on the grounds of length (e.g., more than 150 words) and for including improper language. Applicant has amended the Abstract above to reduce the length and to eliminate the offending language. Applicant respectfully requests that the objections be withdrawn.

Drawing Objections

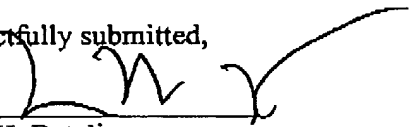
Figures 5 and 6 were objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.121(d). More specifically, the Examiner indicated that replacement drawings should be submitted which included the legend PRIOR ART. Replacement drawings which include this change are attached hereto for the Examiner's review and approval. Applicant respectfully requests that the objection be withdrawn.

Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request a Notice of Allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

19 December 2006  
Date

Respectfully submitted,

  
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